Task Force consisting of the stake holders including representatives of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Cable Operators, Multi Service Operators (MSOs) and Broadcasters has been constituted to examine all the aspects related to the subject and make recommedations. The Task Force is finalising its Report. No time-frame can be indicated at present.

Team for inspection of services provided by cable operators

†1562. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute any team for inspection of services being provided by cable operators to the TV users or open complaint centres;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to fix the amount being collected from the users by cable operators; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) There are no legal provisions for inspection of service being provided by Cable Operators or for regulation of subscription fee being charged by the Cable Operators, Multi Service Operators/Channels. The Chairman of the Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee of each State has been asked to receive complaints against the cable television network operators and follow them up with the concerned authorised officers for appropriate redressal. There is no proposal to open complaint centres.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.